

BIOGRAPHY

DEPUTY ADJUTANT GENERAL, CALIFORNIA ARMY NATIONAL GUARD

MAJOR GENERAL JEFFREY L. GIDLEY



On 1 November 2005, General Gidley was assigned as the Deputy Adjutant General, and Commander, California Army National Guard.

General Gidley's military service began in December 1969 when he was commissioned a Second Lieutenant from Army ROTC at the University of California, Davis. He became a student at the Army Medical Field Service School in March of 1970 and entered the Army Primary Helicopter School in July 1970, graduating in May 1971.

General Gidley was assigned to the 237th Medical Detachment (AA) Qui Nhon, Republic of Vietnam in July 1971 as a Section Leader, where he flew MEDEVAC missions until the completion of his tour in July 1972. His next assignment was Section Leader and Aviation Maintenance Officer, 283rd Medical Detachment (AA), Fort Bliss, Texas, from July 1972 through January 1975. He was then discharged from the U.S. Army and

returned to California to pursue his Masters degree.

General Gidley joined the 126th Medical Company (AA), California Army National Guard in January 1975 serving in a number of positions including MEDEVAC pilot, Platoon Leader and Service Platoon commander. In February 1980, General Gidley was transferred to the 175th Medical Brigade where he served until 1987 as the Medical Supply Officer and Chief of Supply / Services.

General Gidley became Commander of the 980th Medical Logistics Battalion in August 1987. In December 1990, the 980th Medical Logistics Battalion was mobilized and deployed to Dhahran Saudi Arabia remaining there until June 1991. Upon his return, General Gidley was assigned to the 175th Medical Brigade and served in the positions of Plans Officer and as Chief of Staff.

In August 1995, General Gidley was assigned as Commander, 115th Area Support Group. He served in this position until April 1997, when he was selected as Commander, 40th Infantry Division Support Command in Long Beach, California. General Gidley was selected for the position of Deputy Commander – Support in July 1999 and received his promotion to Brigadier General on 10 February 2000; he was later transferred as Deputy Commander – Maneuver from 5 October 2000 to 6 April 2002. General Gidley assumed the duties as Commanding General and promoted to Major General 7 April 2002, receiving Federal Recognition effective 8 April 2002.

On 1 November 2005, General Gidley was appointed Deputy Adjutant General and Commander, California Army National Guard. As the Commander, he is responsible for the management of the 40th Infantry Division (Mechanized) and eleven Brigade level commands.

EDUCATION:

1969 University of California, Davis - BS Degree - Biology Science
1970 USA MFSS - Army Medical Department - Officer Basic Course
1970 USAPHCS - Officer Rotary Wing Aviator Course
1971 USAAVNC - Officer Rotary Wing Aviator Course Phase II
1971 USA MFSS - Army Medical Department - Theater Medical Operations (RC)
1973 USATSCH - Aviation Maintenance Officer Course (Honor Graduate)
1975 University of Arizona - Crash Survival Investigators Course
1979 USATSCH - Aviation Maintenance Test Pilot Course
1980 ARIX PSF, California ARIX PSF, CA - BTMS WE
1981 USAAHS - Medical Logistics Management Course
1982 California State University Sacramento, Sacramento, California - MS - Biology
1985 USAC&GSC - Command and General Staff College (Honor Graduate)
1988 National Defense University, Reserve Component National Security Course
1993 U.S. Army War College
1997 USALMC - Combat Service Support Pre-Command Course

ASSIGNMENTS:

Dec 69 - Mar 70 USAR Control Group (Delayed)
Mar 70 - Jun 70 Student, Army Medical Field School, Fort Sam Houston, Texas
Jul 70 - Nov 70 Student, Army Primary Helicopter School, Fort Walters, Texas
Nov 70 - Mar 71 Student Army Aviation School, Fort Rucker, Alabama
Mar 71 - Jun 71 Student Army Medical Field School, Essential Aviator Course, Fort
Sam Houston, Texas
Jul 71 - Jul 72 Section Leader, 237th Medical Detachment (AA), Qui Nhon,
Republic of Vietnam
Jul 72 - Jan 75 Section Leader, 283rd Medical Detachment (AA), Fort Bliss, Texas
Jan 75 - Mar 76 MEDEVAC Pilot, 126th Medical Company (AA), Sacramento, California
Mar 76 - Aug 77 Platoon Leader, 126th Medical Company (AA), Sacramento, California
Aug 77 - Feb 80 Service Platoon Commander, 126th Medical Company (AA),
Sacramento, California
Feb 80 - Sep 84 Medical Supply Officer, 175th Medical Brigade, Sacramento, California
Sep 84 - Jul 87 Chief, Supply/Services, 175th Medical Brigade, Sacramento, California
Aug 87 - Dec 90 Commander, 980th MEDSOM, Sacramento, California
Dec 90 - Jun 91 Commander, 980th MEDSOM, Dhahran, Saudi Arabia
Jun 91 - Sep 91 Commander, 980th Medical Logistics Battalion, Sacramento, California
Sep 91 - Nov 93 Plans Officer, 175th Medical Brigade, Sacramento, California
Nov 93 - Aug 95 Chief of Staff, 175th Medical Brigade, Sacramento, California
Aug 95 - Apr 97 Commander, 115th Area Support Group, Roseville, California
Apr 97 - Jun 99 Commander, 40th Infantry Division Support Command, Long Beach, California
Jul 99 - Oct 00 Deputy Commander - Support, 40th Infantry Division, Los Alamitos, California
Oct 00 - Apr 02 Deputy Commander - Maneuver, 40th Infantry Division, Los Alamitos, California
Apr 02 - Nov 0 Commanding General, 40th Infantry Division, Los Alamitos, California
Nov 05 - Present Deputy Adjutant General and Commander - California Army National Guard,
Sacramento, California

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:

Legion of Merit
Bronze Star with One Oak Leaf Cluster
Meritorious Service Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters
Air Medal w/"V" device
Air Medal with 15 Oak Leaf Clusters
Army Commendation Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters
Army Reserve Component Achievement Medal with three Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters
Armed Forces Reserve Medal
Army Reserve Component Overseas Training Ribbon with numeral 2
Army Service Ribbon
National Defense Service Medal second award
Humanitarian Service Medal
Vietnam Service Medal
Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal
South West Asia Service Medal with Bronze Star
Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross w/Palm
Kuwait Liberation Medal - KSA
Kuwait Liberation Medal Republic of Kuwait
Meritorious Unit Citation
Aviator Badge
Senior Aviator Badge
California Service Medal/2
California State Service Medal/5
California Drill Attendance Ribbon/7

CIVILIAN OCCUPATION:

Disaster Medical Planner - State of California

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTIONS:

2LT USAR 19 Dec 69
2LT AUS 31 Mar 70
1LT AUS 31 Mar 71
1LT USAR 19 Dec 71
CPT AUS 31 Mar 74
CPT USAR 21 Jan 75
CPT ARNG 22 Jan 75
MAJ ARNG 17Apr 80
LTC ARNG 20 Dec 84
COL ARNG 24 Sep 91
BG (LINE) ARNG 10 Feb 00
MG (LINE) ARNG 8 Apr 02